





MORNING STAR.

Jaffna, Thursday, October 26, 1854.

THE POST OFFICE.

After publishing a month ago the article "Missing Papers," we received a letter from the Deputy Post Master General...

Referring to the London News, a friend in the town has just now written us, that by the mail of June 6th, he ordered the paper...

Below is the letter above referred to, and also the lists of the papers received by the last two mails.

MY DEAR SIR.—With reference to the complaints about newspapers, the substance of the information I have on several occasions afforded to complainants is this:

The lists from Colombo show the names of the persons to whom they are addressed and the number to each. Therefore, unless the list in our books be false as to names and numbers...

I have accordingly intimated, long ago, to complainants that our books were open to inspection in order that they might make inquiries.

It has now, however, occurred to me to ask whether you would publish such a list for a time without charge...

(Signed), P. A. DYKE.

List of Newspapers received by the Overland Mail, REACHING JAFFNA, SEP. 29. DO. OCT. 12.

Table with columns for Name, Date of Receipt, and Total. Lists newspapers received by the Overland Mail on September 29 and October 12.

MEETING AT KANDY.—A public meeting was held at Kandy on the 7th inst., similar in its issue, feeling and object to that held at Colombo on the 24th of August...

JAFFNA NEWS. DARING AND DIABOLICAL OUTRAGE!

On Saturday morning last, the 21st inst., our town and neighbourhood were thrown into a state of great excitement by the intelligence of a brutal and savage act, which had been made during the previous night on the Rev. J. O'Neill, the Church Missionary.

The reverend gentleman had left home with his two children for the island of Maundive, opposite the town of Jaffna, where, wearied with the day's labor, he retired to bed in the little cadjan bungalow owned by the mission.

At about 11 o'clock he was aroused from sleep, and found himself standing in the room, and wondering why he had apparently met by a man, who with a cut-throat knife had broken through the wall.

Mr. O'Neill's servant shows a cut on his hand, which he states was given him when coming to his master's rescue. The reverend gentleman is suffering we understand from some fourteen contusions of various kinds, and his right arm is broken, and he is unable to move it.

It affords us much gratification to hear, notwithstanding, that Mr. O'Neill is in as favorable a state as could be expected, and his life is not in danger.

The assassins of Mr. O'Neill took away a box, containing several books and other articles, but the outrage was evidently not perpetrated for the sake of robbery.

PETITION—SMALL POX.—A petition, signed by a large number of the most respectable members of the three parishes of Jaffna, was presented, and Chundically, was recently presented to the Government Agent.

Its chief object appears to have been the appointment of a competent native medical practitioner, in subordination to the medical officer, to the entire charge of the small pox hospital.

THE MONSOON.—Our dry weather is at last terminated by the setting in of the monsoon. The links already begin to show the wonted dimensions, and grassy verdure to peep forth.

HOMICIDE.—We regret to learn that, during the recent sessions, two cases of homicide demanded magisterial intervention.

"ARBITRARY REWARD OF LABOR."—We have received a communication with the above heading from Garden Reach, Calcutta, but as the subject is not a practical one...

"I owe much to the labors of two of the Wesleyan Missionaries stationed some time ago in Jaffna, under whose auspices I was for upwards of eight years, and who have conferred inestimable benefits upon me."

"THE EAST INDIAN RAILWAY WAS OPENED ON THE MORNING OF THE 15th AUGUST. The Company realized 1,800 rupees on the first day.

Within the last 16 or 17 days, I hear, the Company have realized 30,000 rupees. The average speed of the railway is 45 miles an hour.

Correspondence of the Morning Star.

REJOINDER TO "A CROW'S APPEAL."

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE INTELLIGENT JIM. St. Martin—of the firm of Day and Martin—was once a barber in Fleet Street, London, and on one occasion cropped the poll of a penniless wight who gave him, in lieu of money, a crumpled piece of paper containing a receipt for the manufacture of blacking.

He now cut his barbarous trade, took a shop in Holborn, and having admitted a mounted man (Mr. Day) into a partnership with him, he set his countenance upon the manufacture of blacking. Miracles were performed by him during his life time, far greater than those performed by Holloway's, or Cocker's anti-blisters pills.

The holy coat of Traves performed miracles on the weak minds of women (9) but his blacking on the strongest and most upblame understandings of men, softening and polishing them, and rendering them fit for admission into the first circles.

The "most unlikeliest cut of all" is found Cornix sneering at smutts. To my mind nothing so clearly proves that the mind of one's soul are dark as Erebus, as ingratitude for favors received.

As much as to say that a jack-daw having stolen a ring from a cardinal, was cursed by him. His curses had such a consequence that the poor jack-daw was obliged to confess and restore the ring.

He hoped now about With a gait devout; At morn, & ev, he never was out; And, so far from any milder deeds,

He always seemed telling the confessor's beads. If any one lied, or if any one swore, Or slumbered in prayer time and happened to snore,

That good jack-daw "Would give a groat" "raw." As much as to say "Don't do that more!"

That they never had known such a pious jack-daw! He long lived the pride, Of that country side, And at last, in the odor of sanctity died;

When as words were too faint His merits to make him a saint; The council was determined to make him a saint; And on newly made Saints and Popes as you know, 'Tis the custom at Rome new names to bestow.

So they canonized him by the name of Jim Corrix. (Ing. Leg. p. 221.) I do not like to impute motives, but may it not be that Cornix makes all this distinction for a name? How would it be if Saint Corrix de l'aine" sound?

My virtuous indignation burning in my veins and oozing out where Bab Acre's valor did, at the tips of his fingers. Just fancy the boldness of Cornix calling himself "modest."

That they seem to be trying to peep at his ears." Or lastly stealing the very bread of the dinner table. (I am sure it must have been Cornix or the pert young Jim who did this.)

Modest, Cornix is not—familiar, he, doubtless, is, with that familiarity which breeds contempt! There now—you have it. Why did you not restrain me? I told you I was boiling over before I brought myself within the law of libel, I will subscribe myself, Yours,

A JUGGLE COCK. 9. Princea non soluta in vita, sed prociptue post obitum patris, sunt nescaria ad beatificationem, et canonizationem alieque!—Ferraris Ven. Sanct. Sect. 25.

11. Pontifex instantur Spiritu Sancti factus certus de illius sanctitate et existens in ipsius, devent ad illius beatificationem, expediendo ad id ipsius beatificationis diploma seu breve!—Ferraris Ven. Sanct. Sect. 12.

To the Editor of the Morning Star. SIR.—To those who sojourn in a foreign land far away, it may be, from those they love, and isolated from all their dear and desired associations which make the heart thrill at the sound of the warbling notes of "My home," what pleasure is there to be compared with that of receiving letters—those golden links which (however distant they may be) unite in heart the members of a family. Have you not often rushed out at the well known sound

"Ippal," and gone back with your letters (barely taking time to tell your "boy" to pay for them) to the utmost recess of your rooms, to enjoy—in secret—sweet communion with those you love? Have you not turned the letters over and over, not knowing which to open first, and too excited to open any? And, when, at last, with agitation you have burst the seals, have not the tears coursed down your cheeks at the perusal of affection's tribute, and your heart been so full of joy and gratitude that you could not resist falling on your knees to praise the "Author of every good and perfect gift?"

How ill can one afford to be robbed of such a pleasure influence, calculated to soften and humanize the heart, when surrounded by the deadening influence of heathenism, and the blighting anarchy of the native character? Perhaps there is no place where such utter indifference is shown to the wholesale robberies committed, and the shameful carelessness evinced in the post-office, as in Ceylon. *Within the last week alone, I have heard that three letters to and from me have miscarried.*

The actual amount of pounds, shillings, and pence thus annually taken from the public is but a small item in the sum of delinquency. There are hallowed associations connected with letters; far too sacred for the common gaze. Sunny memories of former days, tidings of childhood's friends, the outpourings of a sister's affection, the sacred effusion of a parent's heart—all these are exposed to the gaze of common eyes? or still worse, be made the laughing-stock of the idle and profane, or the source of rude jests and brutal mirth? I do not wish to re-iterate our post master *individually*, for I have reason to know that he has interested himself, when his attention has been called to the matter; but gross delinquency there *is* somewhere; and could you but publish a list of missing, insistent and over-charged letters and papers I am sure you would expose a state of things, such, that even the public of Ceylon would not submit to it.

Yours truly, DELTA.

Jaffna, Oct. 10th, 1854.

**OVERLAND INTELLIGENCE.**

By our last advices, down to Sept. 9, we have no news in regard to the war, of commanding interest, but there is reason to expect such ere long. There have been many premature announcements hitherto, and it is somewhat difficult to know what one may rely upon. It is now said that a fleet of 1,200 vessels and 105,000 men sailed for Sevastopol from Varna on the 2nd Sept. If this is true, we must probably soon record an account of fearful conflicts and terrible slaughter. *Credner's Despatches*, under date of Vienna, Sept. 3, say:

"We have accounts from Varna, which state that strong divisions of the combined fleets are already blockading the ports Odessa and Sevastopol. The artillery of the 40 line and three-deckers is sufficient to destroy the strongest walls of granite. The main object of the attack will be to force the entrance of the sea and to destroy the town. The greatest enthusiasm prevails among the troops and marines."

It is said that the strength of the allied powers amounts to 425,000 men and nearly 8,000 guns. Cholera had nearly disappeared from the army in the East.

Russia declines the Austrian invitation to recommence negotiations upon the basis stipulated by the western powers, but agrees to retire behind the Pruth and there await pacific overtures or hostile attacks, determined however to resist the latter to the utmost. The prestige of Russian fortresses is destroyed by the capture of Bomarsund. English 10 inch guns have knocked down granite walls 9 feet thick at 3,300 yards distance.

Marshal St. Arnaud issued a proclamation, that Sebastopol would be taken, and held as a guarantee. The troops are filled with enthusiasm. An attempt to assassinate Lord Raglan, the Duke of Cambridge and Prince Napoleon has been discovered. Asia has been the scene of three battles, in two of which the Turks were defeated, viz: near Kars and at Bagdad; they retired however in good order, in the other the Turks, with 20,000 men were victorious.

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**A MOTHER TO HER FIRST BORN.**

BY BARTON WILFORD.

"Thou sweet, to watch thee in thy sleep,  
When thou, my boy, art dreaming;  
"Thou sweet, o'er thee a watch to keep,  
To mark the smile that seems to creep  
O'er thee like daylight gleaming.  
"Thou sweet to mark thy tranquil breast,  
Heave like a small wave flowing;  
To see thee take thy gentle rest,  
With nothing save fatigue oppress,  
And health on thy cheek glowing.  
To see thee now, or when awake,  
Sad thoughts, alas! steal o'er me;  
For thou, in time, a part must take,  
That may thy fortunes mar or make,  
In the wide world before thee.  
But I, my child, have hopes of thee,  
And may they ne'er be blighted!  
That I, years hence, may live to see  
Thy name as dear to all as me,  
Thy virtues well requir'd.  
I'll watch thy dawn of joys, and mould  
Thy little mind to duty.  
I'll teach thee words, as I behold  
Thy faculties like flowers unfold,  
In intellectual beauty.  
And then, perhaps, when I am dead,  
And friends around me weeping—  
Thou'lt see me to my grave, and shed,  
A tear upon my narrow bed,  
Where I shall then be sleeping!—EMM.

**AGRICULTURE.**—So gently, and with such kindly intervals of fine weather, have the rains set in, as to afford the farmers abundant opportunity for the preparation of their lands, which had been previously hardened with drought. We therefore hope that, after all, the crops of next year may not seriously suffer from the lateness of the season.

**CHOLERA.**—The dreadful scourge is very rife at Kils, and there being not a single medical man, the people die by scores every day.—S.S.

**FRIEND-IN-NEED SOCIETY'S HOSPITAL.**

**Memorandum of Cases and of the Accounts for the 3d Quarter of 1854.**

THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE COME TO THE HOSPITAL FROM EACH MANIAGAR'S DIVISION.

Jaffna,	698	Vaddamaratchy,	105	Valen and islands,	95
Valligammo East,	108	Temnoratchy,	73	Delft,	12
Valligammo North,	221	Patchelappaly and Karatchy,	10	Mandar,	4
Valligammo West,	172	Poonaryn,	7	Mullativu,	17
				Other places,	
Men, 1105.	Women, 215.	Children, 200.	Total, 1520.	Total from the commencement of the year, 4826.	

**The Principal Cases.**

No.	Age	Sex	Residence.	Disease.	Remarks.
3327	22	M.	Delt.	Abscess in parotid gland	This was a very large abscess, extending from ear to mouth and from the lower jaw to the temple. The patient's strength failed to a great extent, and he was not able to open his mouth or swallow any thing for about two weeks. It was opened three times in three sittings and good food shot through these openings. Cured ultimately.
3328	59	F.	Vannarponny E.	Scrofulous abscess.	This was situated in the neck, just above the collar bone. She was under native treatment for about two weeks, during which time the abscess had made sinus into the trachea and esophagus. It was opened on the day of admission, and very efficacious pus and a portion of required air passed through the opening. Fluids swallowed the passed through it. After lingering some time in a precarious state, she left the hospital in despair and died at home.
3343	33	M.	Navatcadoo.	Erysipelas and gangrene.	This patient sustained an injury on the knee and heel about ten or twelve days with some medical assistance. In the meantime erysipelas and gangrene supervened and extended above the knee, so that amputation, the last resource in such circumstances, was quite impracticable. Died.
3371	25	M.	Neervaly.	Phlegmonous abscess.	This was a very large abscess of about four inches in depth, situated in the left wall of the chest. Discharged cured on the day of admission, and about four ounces of thick pus evacuated. Cured.
3396	45	M.	Town.	Inflammation of the liver.	Cured.
3415	68	M.	Mandativoo.	Dyspepsia.	Cure of 10 years standing, cured.
3464	28	M.	Vannarponny E.	Gonorrhoeal rheumatism.	This patient's sufferings, for a time, were so great and the inflammation so violent, that appropriate measures were resorted to in the natural freedom of motion. Cured.
3483	60	F.	Kondaville.	Colica.	This was a very obstinate and long standing case. Cured.
3556	30	F.	Analativoo.	Chronic diarrhoea.	Cured.
3578	67	M.	Noonaville.	Incontinence of urine.	Cured.
3580	7	M.	Poongertivoo E.	Enlarged spleen.	Long standing case. Cured.
3582	22	M.	Mattooville.	Purulent ophthalmia.	This was cured by the cautious and judicious application of gonorrhoeal matter to the eye. At the time of admission, the affected eye was wholly lost, so that we were really able to alleviate the suffering. This case is a warning to the careless. Cured.
3585	24	M.	Maravanpoo.	Nervous headache.	Cured.
3636	40	M.	Vannarponny E.	Carbuncle.	Cured.
3818	60	M.	Town.	Quartan int. fever.	Cured.
3846	55	M.	Coast of India.	Anasarca.	A case of six months' standing. Cured.
3935	28	M.	Karavetty East.	Paralysis of lower extremities.	This patient was in a doubtful condition when admitted. He spoke after the first discharge. Resolved and cured.
3992	13	M.	Town.	Bite of a mad dog.	This was caused by a fall. Although this part remained in hospital for about a month, it was only a little better.
3993	2	M.	Town.	Gun-shot wound.	The wounds were well cauterized. No bad symptoms yet although the sores have perfectly healed and about two months have elapsed since. The result however is yet to be seen.
4003	28	M.	Anacotta.	Gun-shot wound.	While firing at a festival, a clay wall proved the cause and lodged in the right lung. This proceeding favorably for about four days. Tetanus and secondary hæmorrhage terminated existence with some trouble.
4060	25	F.	Town.	Ulcer in the cornea.	Cured, although this was a very troublesome case.
4141	66	M.	Chavagacherry.	Fistula in perineo with extensive sloughing.	Removed by an operation.
4152	13	M.	Oodooville.	Tumor in the lower lip.	A bad case. Cured.
4183	38	M.	Vannarponny W.	Jaundice acute.	This is a debilitating disease, and manifests itself by a white sediment in the vesical urine, like rice flour. Cured.
4212	2	M.	Town.	Gonorrhoeal diathesis.	The patient was one day fine at a festival, when the gun burst, split away the ring and the little fingers of the left hand, leaving the remaining parts of the member in a very miserable state. Amputation at or above the wrist was proposed, but was rejected. The necessary cover of these fingers were removed at the wrist joint and the suit parts pared even and dressed, resulting in hospital cure. The father, a physician of some note, having observed what was in the disposition of his son, retired.
4296	27	M.	Karavetty E.	Gun-shot wound.	These are husband and wife. Four persons in their house had been affected with this disease, and two died, one of whom was a physician. Cured.
4301	36	M.	Vasavilan.	Typhoid fever.	This boy chopped off two of his fingers by a blunt knife. The ends of the bones were removed at the nervous joints and the ragged left parts pared even and stitched. Cured.
4335	22	F.	Anacotta.	Contused wound.	This patient was sick of this fever about three months, and was growing worse under native treatment. When admitted, the fever was violent and the whole body, (chiefly the extremities) was swollen. Cured.
4349	26	M.	Vattoocotta E.	Int. fever and anasarca.	Caused by the fall of a phalangeal bone upon the head. When admitted, the fever was perfectly subsided and the forehead and eyelids were enormously swollen. Cured.
4403	7	M.	Kantherody.	Concussion of brain.	This patient is a physician of some note, had been sick three months, and had consumed a good deal of medicines when admitted. He is now nearly recovered.
4421	40	M.	Vannarponny E.	Quotidian int. fever and acities.	This patient had been sick more than a year. He was all this time troubled with flatulency and colic, symptomatic of the dyspepsia. His disease was mistaken for bronchial inflammation, and without benefit. He was at last treated for dyspepsia in this hospital, and is now eating freely from his troubles, with marked improvement in his constitution also. In hospital. Improving.
4421	40	M.	Vannarponny E.	Dyspepsia.	The father and grand father are physicians. This disease was at first obstinate, but is now much better. He is in the hospital still.
4627	14	M.	Karavetty West.	Fracture of fore arm and thigh.	
4756	2	M.	Vasavilan.	Chronic diarrhoea.	

H. LIONEL COWEN, Supt. Medical Officer.

**Receipts and Payments for the Quarter.**

Receipts.	Am't payable.		Amount paid.		Payments.	Am't of payment.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To collections at the Kutcherry,	16	3 0	20	10 6	By establishments,	43	0 7 1/2
In other establishments and amount collected by the hospital peon,	13	18 9	17	13 6	Medicines and apparatus from England,	0	0 0
By the Maniagar of Jaffna,	0	0 0	0	0 0	do. do. elsewhere,	0	4 0
do. Valligammo East,	8	9 0	0	0 9	Materials required for ordinary use and services,	2	14 0 1/2
do. do. North,	1	7 0	1	10 9	Diet ordinary,	1	10 5 1/2
do. do. West,	16	9 0	1	10 0	Diet extraordinary,	0	0 0
do. Vadamoratchy,	2	0 6 2 1/2	2	1 6	Stationary and printing,	3	5 8 3/4
do. Temnoratchy,	15	3 0 0 0	15	3 0 0 0	Temporary buildings, work, &c.,	5	2 9 1/2
do. Patchelappaly,	14	9 0 0 0	14	9 0 0 0	Furniture,	0	0 0
do. Poonaryn,	6	0 0 0 0	6	0 0 0 0	Miscellaneous charges,	10	10 3 1/2
Second moiety of the allowance made by Government,	50	0 0 0	50	0 0 0	Balance,	56	7 1 1/2
Medicine sold,	88	10 9	93	6 3		46	19 0
Proceed sale of packing cases, jars, and bottles not required,			3	1 10 1/2			
Total receipts,			102	2 1 1/2			
Balance of June, 1854,			1	4 0			
Total, £	103	6 1 1/2	103	6 1 1/2			

P. F. FLANDERKA, Treasurer.